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REMARKS

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1. The 62d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div was located in Camp ZOSSEN (N 53/Z 91) on 6 June 1949. The regiment had the and was commanded by Col MECHAI. *
2. a. The artillery battalion of the 62d Gds Mecz Regt numbered 25 officers, 40 NCOs and about 35 EM. **
b. The 2d Btry had the following personnel **:
 - 4 officers (authorized strength: 4)
 - 8 NCOs (authorized strength: 6)
 - 13 EM (authorized strength: 29).
3. Despite being below authorized strength, the 19th Gds Mecz Div was not a cadre unit. **
4. The Third Tank Army, which was located in the LUCKENWALDE (N 53/Z 70) - FUERTENBOG (N 52/L 69) - BRANDENBURG (N 55/Z 23) area, had been reorganized into a "cadre army". The army headquarters was located in LUCKENWALDE. ***

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 Comment:

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a. General: The above report, if compared with numerous previous information from the WUENS DORF-ZOSSEN area appears quite credible.

b. 62d Gds Mecz Regt:

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- * (1) The report confirms the 62d Gds Mecz Regt of the 19th Gds Mecz Div with the regimental and the regimental commander Col MECHAI until 6 June 1949 . According to other information, the regiment is not located in ZOSSEN but in WUENS DORF.

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- ** (2) The reported strengths of the artillery battalion and its 2d battery correspond approximately with the strengths as of the spring of 1949, before new recruits arrived . This project agrees with that, despite being below the authorized strength .

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strength, the 19th Gds Mecz Div is not a cadre unit.

c. Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre)

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(1) The DECLASSIFIED Eq of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) was confirmed by the report until 6 June 1949 [redacted]

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(2) Past reports do not agree with the statement that the quartering area of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) (not the Third Tank Army) comprised the area of BUCKENWALDE-JULIUS-ROSE-PLANENBURG. According to available information, the PLANENBURG area does not lie in the quartering area of the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre). The perimeter of the army quartering area is shown in Annex 2 to a previous report.

(3) The above report also confirms the Third Gds Mecz Army (Cadre) to be a cadre unit, as it was previously assumed to be even after the army received recruits in the spring of 1949.

c. 85th Cav Regt: Although a 85th Cav Regt is not listed in the available wartime records, it is considered credible that the regiment may have existed in the Don River area in October 1941.

c. 185th Repl Rifle Regt: A 185th Repl Rifle Regt was assigned to the Forty-Ninth Army during the war. As the Forty-Ninth Army was located in the WUTENBERG-SCHNEIDER area in May 1945, the statements [redacted] are regarded as correct (para. 6 of Standard Answer Questionnaire.)

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f. Discharges and Induction:

(1) The statement that personnel of the 1925 class in the Soviet Zone of Germany were already discharged by October 1948 (para. 12 of Standard Answer Questionnaire) is not considered to be correct. It is believed that discharge of personnel of the 1925 class was started in October 1948, but was effected gradually so that it extended until the summer of 1949. 25X1

c. 15th (Gds 1) Mecz Div: There has been no information on a 15th Mecz Div (para. 19 of Standard Answer Questionnaire.) The [redacted] referred to a 15th Gds Mecz Div which was possibly assigned to the Third Shock Army in the DESSAU-BURG area in 1946 and was deactivated in 1947. The 304th "Mosno" Rifle Div was activated in the West-Siberia PL in September 1941 and was last identified under the Third Shock Army in Pomerania in March 1945. Although no pertinent information is available, it appears possible that the 304th Rifle Div may have been reorganized into the 15th (Gds 1) Mecz Div.

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